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1. Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development

(General; 1996)

Part I: Introduction

The Asian Forum of Parliamentarians on Population and Development (AFPPD) is a coordinating body of national committees of parliamentarians on population and development, working to educate, motivate and involve members of parliament and other elected representatives on population and development-related issues, such as reproductive health, safe motherhood, family planning, HIV/AIDS, gender equality, poverty, food and water security, environmental and sustainable development, ageing and migration. Resource mobilization for the implementation of the International Conference on Population and Development (ICPD) Programme of Action of the United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA) is also dealt with. The current chairman of AFPPD, Mr. Yasuo Fukuda is now the Prime Minister of Japan. This has had a significant impact on AFPPD as it has expanded its range of responsibilities.

AFPPD programmes are also geared towards the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs), specifically health related issues. The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) supported AFPPD initiatives to inform and educate parliamentarians on MDGs by organizing a number of activities, including a brainstorming meeting for Asian parliamentarians, titled 'Advocacy on the Millennium Development Goals' on 6-7 November 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand.

Part II: Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

(i) Participation in the Work of the Economic and Social Council and its Subsidiary Bodies and/or Major Conferences and other United Nations Meetings

- Medical parliamentarians from the Islamic Republic of Iran, Kazakhstan and Mongolia participated in the 60th World Health Organization (WHO) Assembly, from 14-23 May 2007 in Palais des Nations, Geneva, Switzerland.

- Representative Gilbert Remulla of the Philippines and Senator Jon Ungphakon of Thailand participated at the United Nations General Assembly Special Session on HIV/AIDS in New York, from 31 May to 2 June 2006, and stressed the need to enhance political will.

- The 5th Annual Conference of Parliamentarians was organized by the World Bank to ensure that governments stay on track on achieving the MDGs. The conference was attended by the Executive Director of AFPPD along with the Secretary-General of AFPPD in Paris, France, on 14-16 February 2006 and asked that parliamentarians be informed about MDGs.

- Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator from Thailand and the Secretary General of AFPPD, was invited to address the World Health Organization's (WHO) 11th General Programme of Work

on 17-18 November 2005 in Stockholm, Sweden, at the Partners Consultation. She emphasized the need for political commitment to ensure implementation.

- AFPPD's Executive Director attended the WHO consultations to discuss general programmes of work of the WHO on 27-28 September 2005 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- Dr. Noradin Pirmoazen, MP, Islamic Repulic of Iran, addressed the WHO Assembly which met from 16-25 May 2005 in Geneva, Switzerland.
- Mr. Sen. Beksultan Tutkushev, Senator, Kazakhstan and Cecep Rukamana, MP, Indonesia, attended the 61st Session of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) in Bangkok, Thailand from 12 - 18 May 2005.
- Mr. Yoshio Yatsu, MP Japan and Chair of AFPPD, addressed the United Nations Commission on Population and Development in New York, United States of America at its 38th session 4 – 8 April 2005, on the topic of *'Population, Development, and HIV/AIDS,'* on 5 April 2005.
- AFPPD Secretary General, Dr. Malinee Sukavejworakit, Senator, Thailand and parliamentarians from Fiji and Lao People's Democratic Republic, attended the *'49th Session of the Commission on Women'(28 February – 11 March 2005)* at the United Nations Headquarters in New York on 4 March 2005.
- Dr. Taro Nakayama, MP, Japan (former foreign minister of Japan & chair of the Jenkins Predoctoral Fellowship Program), met then United Nations Secretary General Mr. Kofi Annan on 17 December 2004 and briefed him about parliamentarian programmes on population and development and HIV/AIDS, bringing these issues into focus.
- Mr. J.R Nereus Acosta, Senator, Philippines attended the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Annual Meeting in Washington D.C, United States of America 1-3 October 2004.
- Asian parliamentarians participated in the World Bank sponsored study visit to Ethiopia 12-13 January 2004 and to Yemen 2-6 April 2004 to gain insights into current poverty eradication programmes. Parliamentarians also attended the World Bank Helsinki, Finland meeting.

(ii) Cooperation with UN bodies and/or Specialized Agencies in the Field and/or at Headquarters

- In conjunction with UNFPA, a *'Regional Workshop on Reproductive Health Commodity Security Advocacy'* took place on 11-13 December 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand.
- With the parliament of Kazakhstan, UNFPA, and the government of Japan, *'Family Policy in the Former Soviet Republic'* was discussed with Central Asian parliamentarians from 20-22 September 2007 in Astana, Kazakhstan.

- An Asian Parliamentarians' workshop on *'HIV/AIDS Accountability and Transparency'* was organized with UNFPA support on 24 and 25 January 2007 in Bangkok, Thailand, to discuss good governance of HIV/AIDS programmes and the need for parliamentarians to monitor such programmes.

- An Asian Parliamentary Conference on *'MDGs and International Development Cooperation in the Asia-Pacific'* took place from 1-3 September 2006, in Seoul, Republic of Korea. The conference was organized by AFPPD's member committee, the Korean Parliamentary League on Children, and the Parliament of the Republics of Korea. The meeting was addressed by the current Secretary General of the United Nations Mr. Ban Ki-moon, as well as the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Korea.

- With the assistance of UNFPA and Parliament of Thailand, the International Parliamentarians' Conference on Population and Development was organized on 21-22 November 2006, in Bangkok, Thailand. It was attended by more than 300 parliamentarians and helped to promote global partnerships. Similar events take place every two years.

- With the Parliament of Kyrgyzstan and UNFPA, a Central Asian Parliamentarians' meeting was organized on *'Adolescent Sexual and Reproductive Health'* on 27-28 June 2006, in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The meeting underlined the need for better youth policies in Central Asia.

- With the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and Parliament the of Viet Nam, an Asian Parliamentarians' seminar on *'Poverty Alleviation'* was organized on 5-6 April 2006 in Hanoi, Viet Nam, to highlight the interlinkage between food security and poverty.

- AFPPD co-organized a Regional Parliamentarians' Seminar on Development with the World Bank and Commonwealth Parliamentarians' Association on 27- 28 February 2006, in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

- With UNFPA support, a parliamentarian focus group was organized on *'MDG 6: HIV/AIDS'* to discuss the Indo-China HIV/AIDS situation on 17-18 December 2005, in Hanoi, Viet Nam.

- With UNFPA support, a focus group was organized on *'MDG 4: Maternal and Child Health'* in New Delhi, India, on 27-28 December 2005 to discuss issues relating to the girl child.

- AFPPD with UNFPA and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), organized an academic parliamentarians meeting on *'Education, Population and Sustainable Development'* on 8-9 March 2005, in Krabi, Thailand. The discussion indicated that education is central to poverty reduction efforts and that figures tend to obscure sub-national disparities which continue to widen and persist.

- Together with UNFPA, medical parliamentarians were brought together at the Parliament of Malaysia to discuss Reproductive Health MDGs, on 12-14 December 2004.

- A Regional Consultative Workshop on *'HIV/AIDS Prevention among Young People in Asia and the Pacific'* took place on 22-24 September 2004 in Bangkok, Thailand. This resulted in the construction of an advocacy kit. This workshop was part of a two-year project supported by UNFPA, the Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS (UNAIDS), the International Planned Parenthood Federation (IPPF), the Asian Institute for Development Communication (AIDCOM), and AFPPD.

- AFPPD has striven to empower elected women representatives by organizing annual conferences for women parliamentarians and ministers. These meetings were organized in collaboration with UNFPA and the Government of Japan. As a result, parliamentarian understanding of gender related issues has improved, enhancing action at the country level. These meetings included:

  - *'Enhancing Gender Sensitive Political Commitment'* in Canberra, Australia, 29-30 June 2004
  - *'Engendering MDGs: A Challenge'* in Colombo, Sri Lanka, 2-3 August 2005
  - *'Gender Responsive Governance – The Key to the Population and Development Agenda'* in Wellington, New Zealand, 10-12 June 2006
  - *'Educational Empowerment for Women and Girls: Critical to Social and Economic Development'* in Beijing, China, 27-28 November 2007.

(iii) Activities in Support of Global Principals

- AFPPD and its respective member committees regularly observe 'Population Day', 'World AIDS Day' and 'Women's Day' with UNFPA, sponsoring parliamentarians as speakers and chief guests.

- AFPPD produces a Newsletter every two months in English and every quarter in Russian, and provides monthly e-news in English and Russian. Through this, parliamentarians are provided with United Nations related information, particularly UNFPA, United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP), UNAIDS, the World Bank, and WHO related AFPPD parliamentary advocacy programmes.

- AFPPD places emphasis on the health MDGs, specifically MDG 3, "to promote gender equality and empower women," MDG 4, "to reduce child mortality," and MDG 5, "to improve maternal health." AFPPD events keep parliamentarians engaged and update them on current United Nations related developments. As leaders, parliamentarians play a critical role in enhancing oversight, representation, governance and accountability. Nevertheless, awareness of the MDGs and their potential impact on development goals is not known to many parliamentarians. While parliamentarians often have a desire for knowledge, competing

priorities limit their capacity to acquire the necessary expertise and skills. AFPPD makes this information accessible and takes it directly to them through conferences, workshops and study visits, providing them with up-to-date research and knowledge. AFPPD's networking allows for information exchange, policy analysis and good practices among parliamentarians.

2. Association François-Xavier Bagnoud

(Special; 1996)

1. Introduction

Founded on the principle that health and human rights are inextricably linked, AFXB International is a non-Governmental Organization (NGO) whose mission is to fight poverty and Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS), and support the world's orphans and vulnerable children left in the wake of the pandemic. To give a voice to these children, AFXB and a coalition of supporters launched World AIDS Orphans Day (WAOD) on 7 May 2002.

Since 1989, AFXB has established more than 100 community-based programs in 14 countries with 400 staff members offering comprehensive support to families and communities who care for these children, in particular through AFXB-Village programs. In addition, AFXB advocates for their fundamental rights.

AFXB financed the AFXB Center for Health and Human Rights (CHHR) at Harvard University (publishers of *Health and Human Rights*, an International Journal) and created the International Pediatric Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Training Programme at the University of Medicine and Dentistry of New Jersey.

AFXB International is co-chair of the Washington, D.C. based Global Action for Children, which seeks to marshal the political will and financial resources needed to ensure, through community-based activities, that all children have access to health care, education, food and nutrition, and life-saving medication. Launched in September 2003, it is an independent, collaborative campaign of non-governmental, faith-based, and student organizations dedicated to supporting orphans and other vulnerable children, and the communities that care for them.

AFXB is a founding member of the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and HIV/AIDS whose objective is to protect and fulfill the rights of children affected by HIV/AIDS by mobilizing the scientific evidence base and producing action-oriented recommendations for policy and practice.

AFXB also has affiliations with: AIDS Society of Asia and the Pacific, Conference of NGO Organizations in Consultative Relationship with United Nations (CONGO), Council on Economic Priorities, Doctors of the World, International Institute for the Rights of the Child, Human Rights Watch, and the Defense for Children International.

2. Contribution of FXB to the Work of the United Nations

AFXB representatives attended the United Nations Economic and Social Council meetings which promote AFXB's goals, including the 2006 High Level Meeting on AIDS: Uniting the World against AIDS, 31 May-2 June 2006, United Nations Headquarters, New York where AFXB attended Informal Interactive Civil Society Hearings and lobbied for universal access to include comprehensive prevention programs, treatment, care and support. Additionally, the AFXB web site and World AIDS Orphans Day (7 May) program made significant use of the social and economic analyses generated by the United Nations, United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), and the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS).

ii) Co-Operation with United Nations' Bodies and Specialized Agencies

- UNAIDS – AFXB delegations attended appropriate fora, including XV International AIDS Conference - Satellite Workshop on AIDS Orphans, 11-16 July 2004 Bangkok, Thailand. 33 AFXB delegates, from 15 countries, advocated for vulnerable children left in the wake of the pandemic including a discussion on Women, Children and HIV.

- UNICEF – Inter-Agency Task Team, 7-8 February 2006 London, United Kingdom Global Partners' Forum on Children affected by HIV and AIDS: Working Group on the Rights of the Child on Research Programme on Children and Global Adversity, AFXB Center for Health and Human Rights presented, together with Psychology Beyond Borders, "What is Known (and Unknown) about the State of Psychosocial Needs and Services for Children Formerly Associated with Fighting Forces."

- UNICEF 28-29 August 2006 Yangoon, Myanmar, Workshop on Comprehensive Continuum Care for People living with HIV – AFXB presented paper on "Self-Help Group and Social Support for People Living with HIV/AIDS (PLHA)."

- UNICEF/Ministry of Civil Affairs Henan Government 6-8 September 2007, Zhengzhou, China, "Effective Practical Responses Civil Society and Grassroots Responses for Children Orphaned and Affected by AIDS Globally" - Bilgé Bassani, Chief Executive Officer, AFXB presented "Effective Practical Responses: Civil Society and Grassroots Responses for Children Orphaned and affected by AIDS."

iii) Activities in Line with the Millennium Development Goals

In 2007 AFXB reached 218,333 direct and 1,776,560 indirect HIV/AIDS beneficiaries.

Goal 1 · Eradicate Extreme Poverty and Hunger: Target 2005 – Create 20 FXB Villages (80 families, 500 beneficiaries per village, 3 year programme) – *Achieved.* An evaluation of AFXB-Villages in Rwanda showed 86% of participating families lived above the poverty line at the programme's end.

Target Deliver Aid to the Poor More Rapidly – *Achieved.* Two top-level meetings were held on 30 January 2006 in Verbier, Switzerland and 17 July 2006 in Geneva, Switzerland to encourage utilization of new technologies for rapid financial transfers.

Goal 4 - Reduce Child Mortality: AFXB Village programmes provided nutritional, medical support and housing throughout the reporting period.

Goal 6 - Combat HIV/AIDS, Malaria and Other Diseases: In the reporting period Target AIDS Prevention Education for Construction Workers, Mumbai, India – *Achieved* 10,000 workers received prevention education. All AFXB-Villages provide HIV prevention education, prevention of mother-to-child transmission; and access to antiretroviral therapy.

Goal 7 - Ensure Environmental Sustainability: During the years covered by this report, all AFXB Villages assure potable water and improved sanitation. In Niger, AFXB carried out renovations on 11 wells with local labour and materials. In Togo wells and water have been provided in Siou province. Within the context of the Clinton Global Initiative, AFXB and the Green Belt Movement initiated the two year project "Trees for Clean Air".

Other Relevant Activities:

French Senate, 19 April 2005, 29 March 2006 and 14 March 2007 Paris, France, under Patronage of the President of the Senate, Presentations of 4th, 5th and 6th World AIDS Orphans Day by Founder and President Albina du Boisrouvray.

Jonathan Mann Award for Global Health and Human Rights - Sponsored by AFXB, Global Health Council and two other organizations. The laureates were 2004 Dr. Sima Samar, Afghanistan; 2005 Prof. Abdel Mohammad Gerais, Sudan; 2006 Dr. Juan Manuel Canales, Mexico; 2007 Dr. Bogaletch Gebre, Ethiopia.

South East Asia Tsunami, 26 December 2004, AFXB, CHHR, AFXB India and AFXB Thailand collaborated in the programme to rehabilitate victims of the disaster.

KOMOL KEEM THONG Foundation, 12 July 2004 Bangkok, Thailand, Thai Komol Keemthong Foundation Award of Outstanding Personality for 2004 was awarded to the Founder and President AFXB, Albina du Boisrouvray, for her major contributions in Thailand and Myanmar in the field of protection of children's and women's rights, education, vocational training, support of HIV and AIDS-affected children in their families.

Audience of H. E. President of India, 6 February 2007, New Delhi, India, His Excellency President of India, Dr. Abdul Kalam Azad congratulated AFXB President and Founder and Mr. Gourisankar Ghosh, Director, AFXB India on their work and expressed his desire to extend his support to the cause of orphans and vulnerable children.

Schwab Foundation for Social Entrepreneurship: 2 September 2004, Geneva, Switzerland, Social Entrepreneurs' Summit "An Historic Moment - A Bridge to the Poor", address by Founder and President AFXB, Albina du Boisrouvray called for access of the poor to the benefits of globalization.

12th Conference on Retroviruses and Opportunistic Infections, 22-25 February 2005, Boston, United States of America Retroconference, Linked scientific leaders in the area of HIV/AIDS worldwide and shared AFXB's experience in the field.

AFXB International, Colombia Prevention of Mother to Child Transmission HIV, 12-16 September 2005 San Andres, AFXB organized seminar for leading health care providers in Latin America to improve their quality of care and the outcome of prevention of mother to child transmission of HIV.

Committee for Economic Development, International Conference on Early Childhood Development, 23 April 2007, The Hague, Netherlands, AFXB attended and drew attention to the urgency for comprehensive early child development approaches in low-resource settings affected by HIV/AIDS. A study is in preparation.

3. Endeavour Forum

(Special; 2000)

Part I – Introduction

i. The Aims and Purposes of the Organization and its Main Course of Action

Endeavour Forum aims to enhance the status of uniquely female roles. We affirm that men and women are equal but different, not equal and the same. We support equality of opportunity in education and employment for males and females and aim to achieve status and economic justice for traditional female roles of child rearing and home making. Endeavour Forum affirms the family is the natural and fundamental unit of society and is entitled to protection by society and State. We support fiscal policies that recognize the major contribution made by women in child-rearing and homemaking to the well-being of nations.

Part 2 - Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

i) Participation in the Work of the Economic and Social Council and its Subsidiary Bodies and/or Major Conferences and other United Nations Meetings

Each year from 2004 - 2007 Endeavour Forum held Parallel non-government events in conjunction with the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women meetings held at United Nations Headquarters New York.

At the 48th and 49th sessions 1 – 12 March 2004 and 28 February – 11 March 2005 respectively, Endeavour Forum held one Parallel Event.

At the 50th session 27 February – 10 March 2006 and 51st sessions 26 February – 9 March 2007, Endeavour Forum held two Parallel Events.

The topics included Reproductive Health Care, Breastfeeding, Breast Cancer Prevention, Maternal and Child Health. Speakers included breast surgeon Dr. Angela Lanfranchi, MD, Professor Joel Brind and psychiatrist Dr. Martha Shuping, MD.

ii) Endeavour Forum Inc Initiatives:

In addition to the above events, during 2004-2007 Endeavour Forum Inc. has published a quarterly Newsletter with a circulation of 2,500 and has organized four Public Events every year on implementation of United Nations policies with talks given by members of parliament, senators and leaders of non-governmental organizations. Our Committee attended all these events, introduced the speakers, asked questions, took notes and used the information for lobbying on behalf of families, women and children and United Nations Treaties such as the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Universal Declaration on Human Rights and the International Convention on Civil and Political Rights.

List of our Public Events, 2004 - 2007, all held in Victoria, Australia:

- 2 February 2004: Dinner for Endeavour Forum's 25th Birthday, at St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton Speaker: Senator Julian McGauran on the Convention on the Rights of the Child.
- 15 May 2004: Conference on UN International Year of the Family, Deakin University Toorak Campus, Malvern. Speakers included the Hon. Kevin Andrews, Member of Parliament.
- 22 June 2004: Public Meeting on Women and the Status of Marriage, St. Joseph's Hall, Malvern: Speaker: Professor Richard Wilkins, United States of America.
- 14 October 2004: Intercultural Dialogue on International Year of the Family, St. Joseph's Hall, Malvern: Speakers: Fred Nile, Member of Parliament, and the Hon. Senator Julian McGauran.
- 4 February 2005: Dinner for Endeavour Forum's 26th Birthday, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speaker: Mr. David Perrin, Chief Executive Officer, Drug Advisory Council of Australia.
- 20 April 2005: Public Meeting on Collaboration of Men and Women, St. Patrick's Hall, Mentone: Speaker: Dr. J.N. Santamaria, President, Family Council Victoria.
- 6 September 2005: Public Meeting on Science of Stem Cells, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speakers: Dr. Clem Persaud, Canada, and Dr. Nicholas Tonti-Filippini, Australia.

- 21 November 2005: Public Meeting on Racial & Religious Tolerance Legislation, Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Victoria, Australia. Speaker: The Hon. David Clarke, Member Legislative Council, New South Wales.

- 3 February 2006: Dinner for Endeavour Forum's 27 Birthday, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speaker: The Hon. Tony Abbott, MP, on Women's Health.

- 4 May 2006: Public Meeting on Pregnancy Help, Maternal Mortality: St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speaker: the Hon. Senator Steve Fielding.

- 3 August 2006: Public Meeting on Freedoms at Risk, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: the Hon. Peter Ryan Member Legislative Assembly and the Hon. Peter Hall, Member Legislative Council.

- 16 November 2006: Public Meeting: Women's Voices: Dromana Hall, Mornington Peninsula: Speakers: Mrs. Kay Painter and Mrs. Karen Bodle, both of the United States of America.

- 2 February 2007: Birthday Tea Party for Endeavour Forum's 28th Birthday, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speaker: The Hon. Michael O'Brien, Member of Parliament on The Status of Women.

- 25 May 2007: Public Meeting on the Rights of the Child: St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton: Speakers: Mr. Alan Cadman, Member of Parliament, and Mrs. Tanya O'Brien.

- 28 July 2007: Luncheon speaker Bishop Peter Elliott, St. Patrick's Hall, Mentone, on Civil and Political Rights.

- 22 October 2007: Public Meeting hosting Miss Oregon, United States of America, and John Ballantyne, editor of News Weekly, St. Michael's Hall, Ashburton.

iii) Activities in Support of Global Principals: Millennium Development Goals – Initiatives implemented during the period 2004 – 2007

Millennium Development Goal 3 - Promote Gender Equality and Empower Women - we have lobbied for a baby bonus so that women are not disadvantaged by pregnancy and child-rearing. Following lobbying by us and others, former Federal Treasurer, Hon. Peter Costello instituted a baby bonus, currently $5,000 for all mothers following birth of a child.

Millennium Development Goal 4 - Reduce Infant Morality - we have focused on the promotion of breastfeeding, e.g. part of an article published in the ***Herald Sun***, Australia's largest-selling newspaper, by Endeavour Forum's National & Overseas coordinator, Babette Francis, in which it was stated that there was substantial evidence that the tendency to become fat was established early in life. To counter that, the value of breast-feeding rather than bottle-feeding could not be emphasized enough. Breast milk has superior nutritional value and is specifically designed for infants. The World

Health Organization (WHO) and the Australian Health Department recommend babies be given only breast milk for the first six months. WHO also recommends breast-feeding should continue for the first two years of an infant's life.

Millennium Development Goal 5 - Improve maternal health - Distribution of World Health Organization information on the contraceptive pill, workshops on breast cancer prevention: "The International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC), a division of the WHO, declared the combined estrogen-progesterone oral contraceptives (OCs) as carcinogenic." This is the most recent low-dose contraceptive currently available. The IARC placed the contraceptives into its Group 1 classification, the highest classification of carcinogenicity, used only, "when there is sufficient evidence of carcinogenicity in humans." Combined estrogen-progesterone is the most commonly prescribed forms of contraceptives. According to the IARC, worldwide, more than 100 million women<about 10% of all women of reproductive age currently use combined hormonal contraceptives.

Drugs of Addiction: Endeavour Forum supports the work of Drug Free Australia and is affiliated with the Drug Advisory Council of Australia, which supports the policies of the United Nations on Drugs of Addiction. Endeavour Forum participates in an annual meeting of the Drug Advisory Council of Australia in November each year in Toorak, Victoria, Australia and the National and Overseas coordinator of Endeavour Forum. is the Vice-President of the Drug Advisory Council of Australia which sends out a weekly email on the harmful effects of illegal drugs.

4. International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association

(Special; 2004)

Part I: Introduction

The International Criminal Defence Attorneys Association (ICDAA) was established in 1997. Its membership is composed of bar associations, legal professional associations, lawyers, legal specialists, students, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other people from around the world who are interested in international justice, institution building and international criminal law. Since its establishment, the ICDAA has devoted its efforts to the creation of a "defence pillar" within the international criminal justice system, promoted the recognition of the rights of the defence, endeavoured to enable the establishment of a just balance between the prosecution and the defence before international criminal tribunals, and assured the training of lawyers, especially the development of advocacy skills, to practice before international courts. The Association has participated in all Preparatory Commissions surrounding the establishment of the International Criminal Court at the United Nations since 1997, in all the meetings of the Assembly of States Parties (ASP) of the International Criminal Court both in New York and in The Hague, as well as in numerous international events and conferences on international justice and international criminal law.

Enhanced Status: The ICDAA is a non-profit organization incorporated in Canada and the United States of America, with headquarters in Montreal (Quebec), Canada. The ICDAA also has offices in the Netherlands and the United States. The United Nations Economic and Social Council accredited

the ICDAA with special consultative status in February 2004. Furthermore, the government of Quebec has conferred the status of international non-governmental organization (INGO) to the ICDAA. In April 2005, the ICDAA also obtained the status of a civil society organization with the Organization of American States (OAS). In addition, the ICDAA has been registered in the repertory of the *Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie*'s (OIF) index of INGOs, since the Fall of 2006.

Expanded Areas of Activity: Since 2004, the ICDAA has supported the creation of a legal aid system in Afghanistan by sending Canadian experts to support the operation of the International Legal Foundation-Afghanistan (ILF-A) and by lobbying the Canadian Government and the International Development Agency (CIDA) to support the project financially. The ICDAA seeks to become more involved in post-conflict judicial construction and is in the process of negotiating a project with CIDA which would enable it to set up a legal aid system in Haiti.

Part II: Contribution of the Organization to the Work of the United Nations

i) Participation in the Work of the Economic and Social Council and its Subsidiary Bodies and/or Major Conferences and other United Nations Meetings

1. Assembly of States Parties (ASP), 6-10 September 2004, The Hague, the Netherlands. The ASP adopted a negotiated Draft Relationship Agreement between the International Criminal Court (ICC) and the United Nations. The International Criminal Bar (ICB) with the help of ICDAA, submitted comments to ensure the independence of lawyers in the International Criminal Court system.

2. At the 61st session of the Commission on Human Rights, 14 March - 22 April 2005, in Geneva, Switzerland, the ICDAA sent a representative, Mr. Larry Anderson, who presented a written statement requesting that international criminal justice be included within the Special Rapporteur's mandate.

ii) Cooperation with United Nations Bodies and/or Specialized Agencies in the Field and/or at Headquarters

1. Advocacy Training for the International Criminal Court, 26-30 May 2004, Université de Montréal Law School, Montreal, Canada. A training session for defence lawyers interested in appearing before the International Criminal Court was organized and hosted by the ICDAA and ICB and included workshops by several prominent ICDAA members.

2. Advocacy Training for the International Criminal Court, 14-18 March 2005, Yaounde, Cameroon. The ICDAA and Lawyers Rights Watch Canada, in conjunction with the Bar Council of England and Wales, held a training session for lawyers and judges.

3. Advocacy Training for the International Criminal Court, 11–16 July 2005, Dakar, Senegal. In collaboration with the Pearson Peace Keeping Center, the Canadian International Development Agency, and the African Network for Human Rights, the ICDAA organized a training session

targeted at francophone African attorneys interested in working with the International Criminal Court.

4. Advocacy Training for the International Criminal Court, 28–30 November 2006, The Hague, the Netherlands. In partnership with the ICB and the National Association of Criminal Defense Lawyers (NACDL), the ICDAA offered a three-day training session, entitled *"The Basic Course: Advocacy Training for the International Criminal Court."*

5. Training Session on International Criminal Law, 11-14 December 2006, Montreal Canada. The ICDAA organized a training session on the theme of the defence in international criminal law in collaboration with the ICB, NACDL and the Inter-American Bar Association.

6. Training Session on the Practice of Congolese Criminal Law, International Criminal Law and Procedure before the International Criminal Court, 21–25 February 2007, Kinshasa. The ICDAA co-organized with the United Nations Mission in the Democratic Republic of Congo (MONUC) a training session on the practice of Congolese criminal law, and international criminal law and procedure before the International Criminal Court.

iii) Initiatives Undertaken by the Organization in Support of Internationally Agreed Development Goals, in particular, the Millennium Development Goals

Although the ICDAA is not involved in development programming that reflects the objectives enunciated in the Millennium Development Goals, it has increasingly become an important actor in support of judicial reconstruction in post-conflict countries, as demonstrated below:

1. Nationalizing Legal Aid in Afghanistan, ICDAA involvement since 2004, and current project 2007-2010. The ICDAA supports the efforts of the International Legal Foundation, a New York-based NGO, in establishing a national legal aid system in Afghanistan through the International Legal Foundation-Afghanistan (ILF-A). In 2007, ICDAA signed an agreement with the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA) for a $2.9 million project to provide technical expertise and project oversight to the ILF-A.

2. Legal Aid in Haiti, project in development stage with support of the Canadian International Development Agency. The ICDAA is currently working towards the elaboration of a project to establish a legal aid system in conjunction with the Swedish-based International Legal Assistance Consortium (ILAC).

Activities in Support of Global Principles

1. Together Against the Death Penalty, 6-9 October 2004, Montreal, Canada. ICDAA was part of the organizing group of the 2nd World Congress against the Death Penalty.

2. Conference on the Morality of War, 27 September 2005, Montreal, Canada. The ICDAA President, Mrs. Elise Groulx, presented at the international conference on the morality of war

held by the Centre for Research on Ethics at the University of Montreal (CREUM). The President spoke about the establishment of the international criminal justice system as an alternative to violence in the resolution of conflicts.

3. Conference with Dr. Muhamad Mugraby, Lebanese Attorney, 12 October 2006, Montreal, Canada. Dr. Mugraby gave a conference at the Université de Montréal entitled, *"Rule of Law and Freedom of Speech: Two Pillars of Global Democracy and Peace,"* organized by the ICDAA in collaboration with various other groups.

4. National Roundtable on Corporate Social Responsibility and Canadian Extractive Industries in Developing Countries, 14 November 2006, Montreal, Canada. Ms Elise Groulx, the ICDAA President, presented on the issue of corporate social responsibility.

5. 3rd World Conference against the Death Penalty, 1-3 February, 2007, Paris, France. The ICDAA presented at this conference organized by the NGO, *Ensemble Contre la Peine de Mort* and the World Coalition against the Death Penalty.

5. Won-Buddhism Women's Association

(Special; 2004)

Part I: Introduction

1. Since its founding in 1995, the WBWA has been steadfastly striving to become an organization where the will for self-transformation and the passion for social changes are put into practice. With increased opportunity for women's social participation and in keeping with the national and international current of the times that calls for independent roles of women, the WBWA is looking ahead into the future, engaged in various activities in its four main areas of concern, namely, gender equality, environment, reunification, and inter-religious cooperation.

II. Contribution of the organization to the work of the United Nations

1. 2004: Representatives attend the opening of the 48th Committee on the Status of Women (CSW) at the United Nations headquarters in New York City, 28 February - 5 March. President of the WBWA, JiHyun Han, attended this event as the representative of the Korean Women's non-governmental organization Network.

2. 2005: JooHee Kim attended the 49th Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters as the official delegate of the WBWA. 27 February - 10 March.

3. 2006: JooHee Kim attended the 50th Committee on the Status of Women at the United Nations Headquarters as the official delegate of the WBWA. 26 February – 8 March.

III. Activities in line with the Millennium Development Goals

Goal 1: Eradicate extreme poverty and hunger

Target 1: Support to Democratic People's Republic of Korea by providing winter clothing, necessary materials for food industry, and monetary donations.

Actions:

2004: (a) 140,000 dollars worth of winter clothing sent; (b) one container of cooking oil sent; (c) Donation of 5000 dollars to victims of the explosion in Youngchunyeok, Democratic People's Republic of Korea; (d) Kimchi-making event to support the Korean Unification movement.

2003–2005: Establishment of the bread factory in the Democratic People's Republic of Korea and donation of flour and cooking oil.

2006: Transformed the bread factory into a noodle factory with a donation of two containers of flour (36 tons).

2007: Two containers of clothing (equivalent to 30,000 dollars); monetary donation of 7000 dollars.

Target 2: Art Competition "We Can End Poverty"

Actions:

8 October 2007 - 31 October 2007: The WBWA celebrates the 10th Anniversary of the United Nation's mission to eradicate poverty and hunger (United Nation Department of Public Information and United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs) by organizing an International Children's Art Competition in collaboration with the Korea International Volunteer Organization (KVO). The theme of the competition was, "We Can End Poverty." One hundred pictures were chosen among the contestants from the Republic of Korea and were sent to the United Nations headquarters. Out of the total 200 pictures that were chosen as the best drawings, 5 of the drawings by students from the Republic of Korea were awarded prizes.

Target 3: Monetary Donations to victims of natural disasters

Actions:

(a) December 2004: Donation of 10,000 dollars to the victims of the Tsumani disaster in Nagapattinam, Republic of India. The WBWA funded the Won Buddhism Youth Group and Friends of Peace so that they could offer their volunteer services in Nagapattinam from 30 January 2005 until 7 February 2005.

(b) 7 June 2005: Donation of 10,000 dollars to the victims of the earthquake in Jokjakarta, Indonesia.

Goal 2: Improve Maternal Health/Eradicate poverty

Target 4: Medical and financial support to Africa

One of the great missions of the WBWA is to support women and children in Southern Africa.

2005: WBWA along with the Hanuran (One Household) Movement establish the AIDS Patient's Shelter in Swaziland that caters to the needs of women and children.

10 April 2007: WBWA along with the Hanuran (One Household) Movement construct the Hanuran Women's Center in Swaziland in order to provide women with services to promote self-supporting skills.

Target 5: Establishing clinic in Kingdom of Cambodia

25 March 2004: Donation of 10,000 dollars towards the establishment of a free clinic in Battambang, Cambodia.

Goal 3: Achieve universal primary education

August 2005: Donation of 10,000 dollars towards the establishment of a library at the Jipyongsun Middle School (Alternative school) in the Republic of Korea.

2005: A donation of 20,000 dollars to the Hangyoreh School in the Republic of Korea. The Hangyoreh School is a middle and high school that caters to educating children extricated from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.